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SUBJECT: NLD PURSUES PARLIAMENTARY LETTER CAMPAIGN

REF: A. STATE 100357

[1](#)B. RANGOON 820

[1](#)C. RANGOON 646

Classified By: COM Carmen Martinez for Reasons 1.4 (b,d)

[1](#)1. (C) Burma's leading pro-democracy party, the National League for Democracy (NLD), as part of a petition campaign launched on May 27 (ref C), provided Emboffs on July 27 with a list of foreign embassies to which it has delivered copies of its declaration, signed by 114 Members-elect of Parliament. The declaration calls for the unconditional release of all democracy activists (including Aung San Suu Kyi and U Tin Oo); a meaningful and substantive dialogue between the NLD and the SPDC (military regime); and the reconvening of Parliament.

[1](#)2. (C) The NLD has requested the diplomatic missions to forward the signed declaration to respective legislative/parliamentary leaders. The U.S. Embassy received the declaration on July 5 and forwarded it to the Department for delivery to Congressional leaders (ref B). We have encouraged counterpart missions to relay the information they have received to their capitals.

[1](#)3. (C) Per the instructions contained in ref A, we are informing the Department of this development. We understand per ref A that the Department intends to request info addressees to follow up with host country Foreign Ministries and urge them to relay the letters per the desire of the NLD.

[1](#)4. (SBU) Begin list of recipients of NLD declaration and letters:

- British Embassy for the House of Commons
- Indonesian Embassy for the Indonesia Parliamentary Caucus on Burma
- Thai Embassy for the Royal Thai Parliamentary Caucus on Burma
- Philippines Embassy for the Philippines Parliamentary Caucus on Burma
- Singapore Embassy for the Singapore Parliamentary Caucus on Burma
- Malaysian Embassy for the Malaysian Parliamentary Caucus on Burma
- Malaysian Embassy for the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Caucus on Burma

The NLD delivered similar letters the UN Special Envoy's local liaison in Rangoon (Swiss NGO leader Leon de Riedmatten), for appropriate forwarding:

- UN Secretary General Kofi Annan
- UNSYG Special Envoy Razali Ismail
- Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights Professor Paolo Sergio Pinheiro
- The Inter-Parliamentary Union, Geneva

End list.  
Martinez